

# Cal OES Daily Situation Report

## December 21, 2017



Santa Barbara County Firefighters haul dozens of pounds of hose and equipment down steep terrain to root out and extinguish smoldering hot spots in the Thomas fire in Santa Barbara on 12.19.17. Officials estimate that the Thomas Fire will grow to become the biggest in California history before full containment.



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EQTP	Ryan Arba
Tribal Liaison POC	Denise Shemenski
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## National Terrorism Advisory System



# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Cal OES Activation Status**

<b>State Operations Center</b>	<b>Inland Region EOC</b>	<b>Coastal Region EOC</b>	<b>Southern Region EOC</b>
<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Normal Operations</b>	<b>Normal Operations</b>	<b>Level 3</b>

### **2017 December Wildfire Activations**

- The State Operations Center (SOC) is activated at Level 3.
- The Cal OES Southern Region EOC (SREOC) is activated at Level 3, with an operational period of 0800-1700 hours.

### **2017 December Wildfire Cal OES Southern Region Emergency Operations Center Deployments**

- 1 Cal OES Southern Region Senior Emergency Services Coordinators (ESCs) to Southern Region EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region ESC to Southern Region EOC

### **Presidential Major Disaster Declaration**

- On 12/08/17, President Donald J. Trump declared that an emergency exists in the State of California and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from wildfires beginning on 12/04/17, and continuing.
- On 12/20/17, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. requested a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration to bolster ongoing state and local recovery efforts in response to the Southern California wildfires. Complete Declaration [Click Here](#).

### **Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Fire Resources Deployed to Wildfires in Southern California**

- Please see the attached summary of resources assigned to the fires throughout Southern California, that includes OES Resources and Local Government Resources.

### **Cal OES COASTAL REGION**

- Nothing significant to report.

### **Cal OES INLAND REGION**

- Nothing significant to report.

### **Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION**

- See Fire Activity slides.

# **FIRE ACTIVITY**

## **Cal OES Fire Preparedness Levels**

<b>National</b>	<b>Northern California</b>	<b>Southern California</b>
<b>Preparedness Level 2</b>	<b>Preparedness Level 1</b>	<b>Preparedness Level 3</b>
	<b>Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 1</b>	<b>Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 2</b>

### **Thomas, Vegetation Fire, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties**

Location: Hwy 150 x Hwy 126, north of Santa Paula

Jurisdiction: Local DPA, SRA, Contract County

Per the Cal OES Duty Officers and ICS-209 as of [12/21/17 at 0553 hours](#):

- [272,200 acres](#), 60 % contained
- Unified Command – Unified Command Ventura County, Santa Barbara County, City of Ventura, Los Padres National Forest, Ventura County Sheriff, CAL FIRE
- [Moderate fire behavior](#)
- [Mandatory evacuations remain in place](#)
- [Continued structure and infrastructure threat](#)
- Aggressive mop-up will continue in evacuated areas to support repopulation and to improve existing fire lines

### **Activations**

- Ventura County EOC is activated at Level 2, also covering the Town of Ojai
- [Santa Barbara County EOC is activated at Level 3 \(highest level\) from 0700-1900 hours, Level 2 from 1900-0700 hours](#)
- City of Santa Barbara EOC is activated at Level 1 (lowest level)
- City of Carpinteria EOC is activated at Level 1 (lowest level)
- City of Montecito EOC is activated at Level 1 (highest level)

# **FIRE ACTIVITY**

## **Thomas, Vegetation Fire, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (continued)**

### **Deployments**

- 7 Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Assistant Chiefs (ACs) are deployed to the incident
- 1 Cal OES Inland Region Acting Regional Administrator (RA) is deployed to the Ventura EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region Emergency Services Coordinator (ESC) is deployed to the Ventura County EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region Deputy RA is deployed to the Ventura County EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region RA is deployed to the Santa Barbara County EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region Senior ESC is deployed to Santa Barbara County EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region ESC is deployed to Santa Barbara County EOC
- 1 Cal OES Inland Region ESC is deployed to the Santa Barbara EOC
- 1 Cal OES CSTI Emergency Management Coordinator II is assigned to Santa Barbara County
- 1 Cal OES Associate Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA) is deployed to Santa Barbara County EOC
- 9 Public Safety Communications Technicians (PSCT) are assigned

### **FMAG**

- On 12/05/17 the FMAG was approved by FEMA, FEMA 5224-FM-CA.
- On 12/07/17 the request to add Santa Barbara to the FMAG as a Contiguous County was approved.

### **Proclamations**

- Ventura County has submitted a proclamation requesting a Gubernatorial Proclamation and a Presidential Declaration. There is no request for state assistance.
- The City of Ventura has submitted a proclamation. There are no requests for state or federal assistance.
- The City of Santa Paula has submitted a proclamation. There are no requests for state or federal assistance.
- On 12/05/17, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an emergency proclamation for Ventura County due to the effects of the Thomas Fire, which has damaged critical infrastructure, destroyed hundreds of homes and caused the evacuation of residents.
- On 12/07/17, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an emergency proclamation for Santa Barbara County due to the effects of the Thomas Fire, which has threatened homes and other structures and caused the evacuation of residents. The Governor also requested a Presidential Emergency Declaration for direct federal assistance to supplement the state and local emergency response to the fires burning in Southern California, following the emergency proclamations issued earlier this week for San Diego, Los Angeles and Ventura counties.
- On 12/08/17, the County of Santa Barbara submitted a proclamation of local emergency requesting CDAA funding and any other State and Federal funds that may be available.

### **Evacuations**

- Total – 14,043 mandatory evacuations for Santa Barbara County:
  - Montecito and Summerland area north of Alameda Padre Sierra, South Salinas St. and Highway 101, south of State Route 192, east of Mission Canyon Rd., and west of Hot Springs/Summit Rd.
  - The area north of State Route 192, south of East Camino Cielo, East of San Roque, Jesusita Ln. and West of Ladera Ln.



# **FIRE ACTIVITY**

## **Thomas, Vegetation Fire, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (continued)**

### **Shelters**

- Ventura County Fairgrounds – Miners Building, 10 W Harbor Blvd., Ventura
  - Midnight Count: [164](#)
- University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, 515 Ocean Rd., Santa Barbara
  - Midnight Count: [146](#)
- Animal Shelters:
  - Ventura County Humane Society, 402 Bryant St., Ojai
  - Ventura Fairgrounds horse sheltering area is full. Horses are being diverted to Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara and Meadows of Moorpark.
  - Santa Barbara Humane Society (small animals), 5399 Overpass Rd., Santa Barbara
  - Earl Warren Showgrounds (large animals), 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara

### **Major Road Closures**

- Hwy 154 closed from Cathedral Oaks Rd. (Hwy 192) to Hwy 246
- Hwy 33 between Hwy 166 & Fairview Rd. (Santa Barbara & Ventura Co)
- Hwy 192 between Camino Viejo & Hwy 150 (Santa Barbara Co)

### **Critical Infrastructure**

California Utilities Emergency Association is reporting that as of [12/21/17 at 0648 hours](#):

- [Ventura County](#):
  - [70 households are without power due to the Thomas fire.](#)
- [Santa Barbara County](#):
  - [18 customers are without power due to the Thomas fire.](#)
- [This will be the final update for the Thomas fire as Southern California Edison \(SCE\) is back to normal operations.](#)

### **Recovery**

- Local Assistance Center (LAC), Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura
  - Hours of operation: [0900-1900 hours, Monday – Saturday ; 0900 – 1600 hours Sunday](#)
- The Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) began 12/18/17.

# MAJOR ROAD / HIGHWAY / BRIDGE CLOSURES

Major Road Closures		
Northern California	Central California	Southern California
No Lifeline Route Closures	No Lifeline Route Closures	No Lifeline Route Closures

## Lifeline Routes

- There are no lifeline route closures.

## Non-Lifeline Routes:

- There are no lifeline route closures.

## Wildfire Closures:

### **Ventura County:**

- SR 33 is closed 1.2 miles north of Ojai at Fairview Ave. to 19.5 mi south of the west junction of SR 166 at Lockwood Valley Rd.

### **Santa Barbara County:**

- SR 192 is closed from Camino Viejo Rd. in Montecito to the junction of SR 150.

## Emergency Center Activations:

- There are no Emergency Center activations at this time.

## Interactive Travel Forecast Map Based on Weather Conditions Provided by National Weather Service (Prototype)

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/wrh/travel/?wfo=mtr>



Click on the Caltrans Logo to check  
current highway conditions.  
*You can also call 1-800-427-7623 for  
current highway conditions.*



## California 911 System

CA 911 Outages		
Northern California	Central California	Southern California
No 911 Outages	No 911 Outages	No 911 Outages

### 911 Outages/Remote/Community Isolations:

#### **Santa Paula, Ventura County 911 Outage (Final)**

On 12/05/17, the Frontier Santa Paula remote central office in Ventura County reported that 329 landlines had no dial tone due to power failure as a result of the Thomas Fire. Currently, these customers were unable to dial out to 911. Nonetheless, wireless service was not impacted. The Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), Ventura County Sheriffs Office (VCSO), took call and were notified.

- **As of 12/19/17:**

- Per Frontier, the Topa Hut remote office has been temporarily restored through a microwave shot from the South Mountain, restoring dial tone for those customers with access lines and wiring in tact.
- Individual customers with damaged distribution lines are still out of landline service.
- Destroyed lines and poles in the area will need to be repaired before service can be re-established fully.

### Service Interruptions:

- None reported.

# **WEATHER OF CONCERN**

## **Weather of Concern**

- Santa Ana winds will bring critical fire weather conditions to portions of Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange Counties today.
- Red Flag Warnings have been issued for portions of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties, due to very dry vegetation and critical fire danger.

## **Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:**

- <https://alerts-v2.weather.gov/counties/CA>

# Key Points

12/21 – 12/27

## Thursday-Monday

- Dry conditions prevail.
- Offshore flow will establish itself Wednesday evening, beginning across Santa Barbara County, and then transitioning across the rest of southern California on Thursday, with elevated to high wildfire risk existing across these areas through Friday morning.
- Another surge in offshore flow will occur Sunday into Monday, again increasing the wildfire risk across much of southern California.
- Slight chance for snow in the Sierra on Monday.
- Below normal temperatures will settle across the rest of the state with Thur-Fri being the coldest. Vulnerable populations could be at risk.

## Tuesday-Wednesday


- No significant weather impacts expected



# California OES Impact Threat Matrix

December 13– December 20, 2017

DAY/THREAT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Fire Weather	SW CA	SW CA	SW CA	SW CA	SW CA		
Winds	SW CA & CO River Valley	SW CA	SW CA	SW CA	SW CA		
Extreme Cold							
Snow							
Heavy Rain/ Flash Flooding							
River Flooding							
Dense Fog							
Heat							

	High Threat
	Moderate Threat
	Slight Threat
	No Discernible Threat



# WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION

## **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

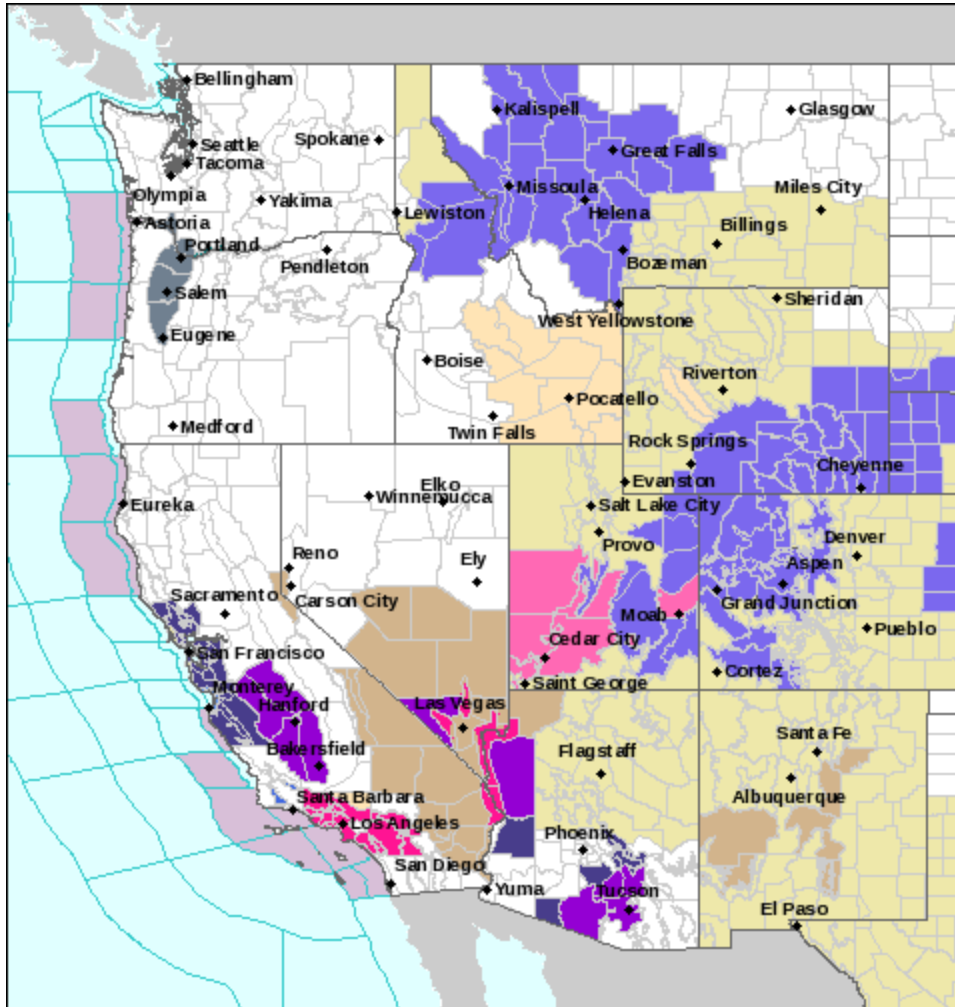
The ridge will largely be in control of the weather through the weekend. This means increasing stable inversions and a gradual warming trend, especially during the afternoon periods. Maximum temperatures should climb back to near normal overall today while rising to above normal for most of the area Friday and lasting into the weekend. It appears that the strongest winds during the next 4 days would be this morning. Expect gusts between 20 to 30 mph and locally up to 40 mph along the west slopes of the Cascade and Sierra ranges plus some portions of the Sacramento Valley. A much lighter wind flow will occur tonight and Friday and last into Saturday. The shallow dry cold frontal passage, which was expected for Saturday night, appears to be weaker and would only provide a slight bump up in wind speeds along the west slopes of the Cascade and Sierra ranges. Models could change their tune on this feature so will be monitoring. The air mass will be dry through this period, especially tonight with humidity values falling into the teens across the midslope and higher ridge areas. Coastal areas will see a reprieve in the low humidity at times due to weak onshore flow.

The weather models have sped up their prediction for a slight break down in the ridge late Sunday into Monday. As it stands right now, cloud cover should increase and there could be a few light showers. A cold front would push in from the north and increase N to NE winds behind it. Not at all certain about this period because the models have been back and forth on their predictions. The late Sunday through early next week period is an uncertain one but plan for some alteration in the dominant ridge pattern.

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Strong surface high pressure over the Great Basin will bring north to northeast winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 50 mph to the mountains and below the canyons and passes of Southern California through this evening. Across Central California and the deserts, there will be local north to northeast winds of 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph through this evening. Minimum humidity will drop into the teens today. The back side of a Pacific trough will cause temperatures to remain 5 to 10 degrees below normal today, with mid 30s to mid 40s across the mountains and 50s to mid 60s in the valleys. Temperatures will warm and minimum humidity will be in the single digits and teens Friday through Monday as a ridge of high pressure builds into California from the Pacific Ocean. Temperatures will be 10 to 15 degrees above normal Sunday and Monday. The ridge of high pressure will weaken bringing a cooling trend and an increase in humidity Tuesday through the middle of next week. Winds will be light Friday through the middle of next week.

# WEATHER MAP



- [Winter Storm Warning](#)
- [Hard Freeze Warning](#)
- [Freeze Warning](#)
- [Red Flag Warning](#)
- [Winter Weather Advisory](#)
- [Dense Fog Advisory](#)
- [Small Craft Advisory For Hazardous Seas](#)
- [Small Craft Advisory For Rough Bar](#)
- [Small Craft Advisory](#)
- [Lake Wind Advisory](#)
- [Wind Advisory](#)
- [Frost Advisory](#)
- [Freezing Fog Advisory](#)
- [Hard Freeze Watch](#)
- [Special Weather Statement](#)
- [Hazardous Weather Outlook](#)



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# Cal OES LAW ENFORCEMENT MISSIONS

## Cal OES Law Missions

- **2017-LAW-44206, 12/20/2017, 1434 hours:** San Francisco Police Department(SFPD) requesting the 95<sup>th</sup> CST for JHAT support to SFPD Special Operations during the New Year's activities from 12/31/2017 thru 1/1/2018. The mission was approved by Cal OES LEB and accepted by the CaNG. This will be the only entry to this mission and will be dropped from any future morning reports. **Mission Ongoing**
- **2017-LAW-44197, 12/27/2017, 1237 hours:** San Benito County Sheriff's Office (SBSO) requesting two HRD K9 teams to assist in an on-going homicide investigation. The requested resources are to meet detectives near the town of San Juan Bautista. Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch coordinating the response. **Update: At 1307 hours:** Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office sending three HRD K9 teams. **Update: 12/20/2017, 1736 hours:** SBSO advising mission completed and teams were released back to home base. **Mission Closed**

# Emergency Management Assistance Compact

## Cal OES Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Missions

- **2017-FIRE-43709:** On 12/05/17, the Cal OES EMAC Coordinator, in support of the Cal OES Fire Branch, sent an EMAC broadcast to 8 States requesting 50 Engine Strike Teams for a total of 250 engines.
  - Montana – 2 task forces (12 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
  - Idaho – 1 task force (5 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
  - Utah – 1 task force (5 engines, 1 water tender total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
  - Washington – 1 strike team (5 engines) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
    - Total number of engines is 29.
- **Interstate Compact** – Arizona (1 engine total) currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
- **2017-FIRE-44093:** 2017 December wildfires have resulted in an increased need for Imagery Awareness and Assessment (IAA) operations to support CALFIRE suppression efforts in Southern California. MQ-9 crews from the state of Texas to support 24/7 operations of the MQ-9 in support of the Southern California Fires.
- **2017-SOC-43430:** Cal OES Individual Assistance (IA) Branch requested two (2) IA Coordinators in support of the 2017 October Statewide Fire Recovery efforts.
  - Two (2) IA Coordinators from the State of Washington will provide support in a Joint Field Office, Local Assistance Center, or in the field as needed.
    - One (1) IA Coordinator from the State of Washington demobilized and traveled back home on 12/15/17.
    - One (1) IA Coordinator from the State of Washington will continue to provide support in a Joint Field Office, Local Assistance Center, or in the field as needed until 12/23/17.

# Cal OES MISSION TASKING

## Cal OES Missions

- **2017-Cal OES-42559:** Weather station installed to gather real time rainfall data by Air Resources Control Board (On Scene).
- **2017-SOC-44098:** CalRecycle Debris Management Team in Ventura County.
- **2017-SOC-44022:** Two E-BAM (air monitors) from Air Resources Board/Office of Emergency Response to monitor smoke from the Thomas Fires. Location one: Olga Reed Elementary School (480 Centennial St., Los Alamos); location Two: Carpinteria City Hall (5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria) (On Scene).
- **2017-SOC-43934:** City of Ventura requested ten Safety Assessment Program (SAP) inspectors to assist with building inspections due to damage from the Thomas Fire. Requested to report to Ventura City EOC on 12/12/17 at 0800 hours.
- **2017-SOC-43821:** DTSC to remove household hazardous waste from over 500 residential lots in Ventura County.
- **2017-SOC-43711:** CDPR (DPR) to deliver ice to Cal OES SOC for drinks and meals, on a continual basis until fire event is over.
- **2017-SOC-43628:** FAST Team Lead to report to Ventura EOC.
- **2017-SOC-43610:** SOC requesting from CNG two personnel from CA State Military Reserve (CSMR) Air Mission Support Team (AMST) to support the air coordination group. The estimate is 21 days duration.
- **2017-SOC-43584:** LNOs and support personnel to assist SREOC, Ventura County IC and the ACG in Ventura, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Bernardino counties.
- **2017-SOC-43581:** Operational distribution point (State Staging Area) in Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) to assist with affected areas.
- **2017-SOC-43565:** Caltrans Agency Rep for SOC support.
- **2017-FIRE-44093:** CNG Personnel needed to support and sustain 24 hour mapping of MQ-9 (On Scene).
- **2017-FIRE-43624:** Aircraft with all support personnel for infrared imagery and perimeter mapping.



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